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Welcome to Prenton Park for what promises to be an absolute cracker of a match against Bolton with the prize of a Northern Final, and maybe a trip to Wembley for the winners. Hopefully, our three recent home victories have seen us turn the corner result wise.

While we were always creating chances and playing good football the finish was missing. Now, over the last few home games, we've started to hit the net with a vengeance.

It's also pleasing to see the goals being spread around the whole team which is something I've asked for.

Against Reading though we were not at our best defensively and gave the ball away in bad positions, and Reading have some useful players up front who caused us a few problems. The conditions possibly contributed to uncertainty at times, or maybe the second match in three days was beginning to take its toll. Nevertheless, it was the right result in the end.

Against Birmingham we played some tremendous football with Jimmy Harvey and Neil McNab at the hub of so many good moves.

McNab's opener was sheer class and Jim Steel's diving header was a classic in both its construction and execution. In fact, there were shots and headers raining in from every angle, just as I had asked for when we had a team meeting at the start of the week.

The lads now have the scent of Wembley in their nostrils. We know it won't be easy against a side of Bolton's quality, especially after they "did" us in January.

On special nights like this though you can play as important a role as the players in securing the right result.

Let's hear that noise rolling down from the stands and terraces, for your support does spur the players on. Though I try never to look beyond our next game it's hard to forget where this competition leads to. Together we can make it!

Cheers,

JOHN KING



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Don't tell Cloughie, but Coventry actually snatched a draw in last weekend's Littlewoods Cup Semi-Final. And whisper it quietly around Carrow Park, but Liverpool triumphed 1-0 the previous day thanks to Ian Rush's goal.

No, I haven't been munching magic mushrooms again - I'm just adhering to Mike Tyson's revolutionary new sporting theories.

"I knocked him out before he knocked me out", whined the FORMER World Heavyweight Champion after being demolished by Buster Douglas and television evidence proved it.

But didn't television prove Cyrille Regis' handball was accidental - and that the ball didn't cross the goal-line before Ian Rush converted Peter Beardsley's cross?

Sure, the referee did make a mistake and allow Douglas 12-13 seconds to recover from Tyson's clubbing right uppercut. But who's to say that if the referee counted correctly, Douglas still wouldn't have got up in time?

Perhaps Alf Ramsay should be told that England didn't win the World Cup in 1966. Didn't video replays later show that Geoff Hurst's shot landed on the goal-line? And maybe Tommy Hearn should be told he defeated Sugar Ray Leonard last year. Trial by television showed him a clear points victor.

Let's pray that good sense prevails and the boxing authorities uphold Douglas's victory.

It would be a tragedy if football was subjected to the same sort of trial by television - not to mention boring. Imagine if the Football League adopted the American Football idea of replaying controversial incidents on a giant TV screen.

Arsenal's night matches wouldn't finish in time for spectators to get to work the following morning, given the number of appeals that come from Tony Adams each week.

Sport has been played for centuries now, by the maxim "The Referee's word is final". Mike Tyson should be big enough to accept his beating like a man. Jack Dempsey did after his "long count" controversy against Gene Tunney and Muhammad Ali did on the very few occasions he ended up on the losing side. Mind you, he never spent 10 second on the canvas - or 12 or 13. That's why he'll always be remembered as the Greatest Boxing Champion ever - and Tyson still has plenty to prove.

HARRY'S TRIBUTE

Through gritted teeth Chester boss Harry McNally admitted his team can't live with us.

McNally was quoted as saying, "I've been a Manager in the Third Division for 10 years and I've never seen a side as good as them. I fancy them strongly for promotion."

Harry, who entertained the crowd behind his dugout by calling his players "dopes" and other assorted insults, added, "We have to face it and admit that Tranmere are too good for us." Dave Mackay was not so generous in his praise, branding his expensively assembled flops, "a blood disgrace", following our 5-1 victory.

Personally, I'd prefer to think our performance made them look a very poor side.

RACIST ABUSE

The racist abuse hurled at the black Birmingham and Reading players by certain sections of the crowd disgraced the good name of the Tranmere Rovers. In future, the culprits will be weeded out by the Police and ejected from the ground. Those who smear the club's name must have short memories. Apart from the fact we were among the first clubs to field a black player in Elkanah Onyeali, who was it kept us in the League three years ago?

Yes, Gary Williams! So let's have no more of it please.

SUPPORTER'S BIRTHDAY

Congratulations are in order to Rovers' fan Ken Jackson - a former Secretary of the Supporters' Association - who recently celebrated his 70th birthday and 65 years watching Tranmere. Well done and Happy Birthday.



Mr. Nick Hards, the General Manager of Liverpool Crest Hotel presents a Weekend for Two in the U.K. to Christmas Draw winner Mr. Gareth Lewis of Prenton.

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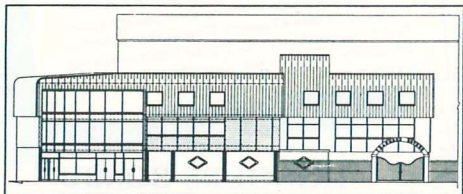
We still need a few extra Fanfile contributions to see us through to the end of the current season.

If you cannot get into the Souvenir Shop to pick up one of the pre-printed forms, just follow the questions in the Fanfile column and add your own answers. Don't forget to include a head/shoulders photo of yourself and address your entries to the Programme Editor, Tranmere Rovers F.C., Prenton Park, Prenton Road West, Birkenhead.

ALL-SEATER STAND

Outline plans to convert Prenton Park into a 22,000 capacity all-seater stadium have been submitted to Wirral Borough Council for consideration.

The plans include a proposal to eventually move the position of the pitch to give an extra 15 metres space at the Cow Shed and some four metres along the Borough Road. This would allow the construction of "wrap round" stands which would form a bowl around the pitch, all under cover.



A sketch of how the front of the new club complex will look

If approval and financial assistance is forthcoming, work could start during the summer with ultimate completion, by phases, during 1995, if Second Division status had been achieved by that time.

SEEN AND HEARD

Seen at Prenton Park . . . new Football League Chief Executive Arthur Sanford, Crystal Palace boss and Rovers' old boy Steve Coppell.

Heard . . . Club officials reckon the F.A.'s all-ticket ruling for Birmingham away matches cost us around £10,000 in lost gate receipts.

Heard . . . the Play-off Finals are at Wembley this season on May 26, 27th and 28th. How about **two** trips to the Twin Towers?

IF IT'S A DRAW TONIGHT

. . . there will be 30 minutes extra time. If at the end of that time the teams were still level the match will be decided on penalty kicks.

Young Ones

Name: Scott James.

Date/Place of Birth: 15/5/73, Liverpool.

Stature (eg Y.T.S., full pro. etc.): First Year Y.T.S.

Position: Left Back.

Last school before joining Rovers: Chesterfield High.

Biggest influence on career so far: Family.

Favourite other team: Everton.

Favourite other player and why: Stuart Pearce. He's very strong and athletic and good with it.

Best ground you have ever played at: St. James' Park (Newcastle F.C.).

Any Schoolboy honours? A few games for Sefton.

Are any of you school-mates with a League club? Dave Wilson (Everton).

Best moment in Football so far: Being signed Schoolboy at Everton.

Worst moment in Football so far: Going out of the Youth Cup the way we did, because the team played well below par.

Any other clubs interested in you? Scunthorpe.

First link with Tranmere (e.g. trial, coaching classes etc.): Recommendation.

Career if you had not become a Footballer: Bricklayer.

Do you excel at any other sports? Not really, just like participating.

Favourite Sports Personality: Daley Thompson.

Best friend inside/outside Football: Like to think I've got lots of friends.



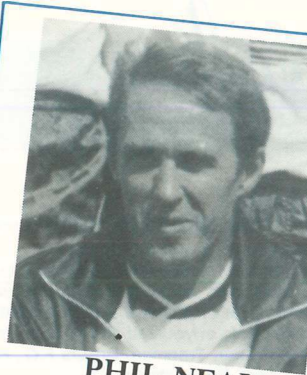
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The Boss

PHIL NEAL

As a player, Phil Neal has won every honour the game has to offer with one notable exception — the F.A. Cup. During an 18 year career with Northampton, Liverpool and Bolton, Phil played in over 700 matches and won 50 full caps for England where he made the right back slot his own for several years. During his Liverpool days he scored twice — three if you include shoot-outs in European Cup Finals and contributed many other vital goals for the Reds. He joined Bolton as Player-Manager in December 1985, but was unable to prevent them being relegated at the end of 1986-87 season. Despite that, he has led Bolton to two Sherpa Van Trophy Finals — winning last season — and promotion at the end of 1987-88 season.

If Bolton's 3-1 win here in 6th January proved anything, it illustrated that Phil Neal has fashioned a side worthy of any of its predecessors, which possesses both skill and resilience in abundance.

The former Liverpool stalwart, a regular visitor to Prenton Park, has used last season's Sherpa Van Trophy success as a stepping stone towards a serious bid for promotion, adding a couple of key players to the squad who defeated Fourth Division Torquay 4-1 at Wembley.

Morgan and Thomas left to make way for a new partnership of former Preston misfit **Tony Philliskirk** and Birkenhead-born **David Reeves**. Dubbed the "Bros" boys by Press and fans, the two mobile strikers have been a resounding success and will undoubtedly pose a major threat tonight. Philliskirk's form has left Preston somewhat embarrassed with just £50,000 in the bank from his sale, while Reeves' performances have softened the blow for Phil Neal of being told to pay Sheffield Wednesday £80,000 by a tribunal. That represented a hefty profit for the Owls, who signed Dave from Heswall for a set of shirts!

Stuart Storer, scorer of that spectacular goal in January has been another major factor in Bolton's current challenge for honours. He gives the side width on the right flank and is now showing why Howard Kendall took him to Everton along with Wayne Clark.

On the left hand side of the park we'll probably find **Paul Comstive** who was bought by Bolton for £38,000 in September — maybe Phil Neal had heard about the personal vendetta he waged against us with his previous clubs, Wrexham and Burnley!

At the centre of midfield, **Steve Thompson** and **Julian Darby** have garnished their performances with several goals apiece, sufficient to keep **Robbie Savage** and **Nicky Brookman** on the sidelines.

In defence, **Barry Cowdrell** has recovered the left back spot after **Martin Pike**'s loan spell, while **Mark Came** — a former schoolmate of Mark McCarrick and Eddie Bishop's in Winsford — has been drafted back into his old central defensive berth following an injury to the highly rated **Mark Winstanley**. Winstanley though, is likely to be fit for tonight's game to give Phil Neal a difficult selection poser.

Whoever plays they will more than likely be partnered by **Dean Crombie** and **Phil Brown** — an £18,000 "steal" from Halifax 18 months ago, who has made the right back spot his own.

With summer signing from Hereford, **Kevin Rose**, on loan at Halifax, **David Felgate** looks safe bet from the goal-keeper's jersey.

Just a year ago Neal faced the sack but since then they've only lost eight matches — the kind of consistency Neal enjoyed at Liverpool during his playing days. Neal, though, says he is a better Manager for his early experiences at Bolton.

Whoever wins tonight's match must be regarded as favourites to reach Wembley. It promises to be a clash of the Third Division Titans!

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1987-88

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1985-86

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Central League Champions

1955

THEIR LAST FIVE YEARS

Season	Div.	Pos.	Top scorer	Ass. Mem. Cup
1988-89	Div. 3	10th	Morgan 11	Winners
1987-88	Div. 4	3rd	Thomas 28	1st. Round
1986-87	Div. 3	21st	Caldwell 15	N. Area Q/Final
1985-86	Div. 3	18th	Caldwell 16	Finalists
1984-85	Div. 3	17th	Caldwell 22	Semi-Finalists

Bolton Wanderers



Back Row – left to right: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, David Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill.

Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (Physio).

Front Row: Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager), Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.

SQUAD AT A GLANCE

Name	Pos.	Birthplace	Ht.	Wt.	Previous Clubs	* App.	Gls
David Felgate	(G)	Blaenau Ffestiniog	6-2	13.6	Bolton (A), Rochdale (L), Lincoln, Grimsby.	20	—
Phil Brown	(D)	South Shields	5-9	11.0	Hartlepool, Halifax	26	—
Barry Cowdrill	(D)	Birmingham	5-10	11.0	West Brom	23+1	4
Dean Crombie	(D)	Lincoln	5-11	11.6	Lincoln, Grimsby	26	2
Mark Winstanley	(D)	St. Helens	6-1	12.4	Ex-Y.T.S.	23	1
Mark Came	(D)	Exeter	6-0	13.6	Winsford United	5+11	—
Rob Savage	(D)	Liverpool	5-8	11.2	Liverpool, Wrexham (L), Stoke, Bournemouth, Bradford	5+2	—
Paul Comstive	(M)	Southport	6-1	12.7	Blackburn, Rochdale, Wigan, Wrexham, Burnley	17+2	1
Julian Darby	(M)	Bolton	6-0	11.3	Ex-Y.T.S.	26	9
Nick Brookman	(M)	Manchester	5-9	11.0	Ex-Y.T.S.	+2	—
Steve Thompson	(M)	Oldham	5-11	12.0	Ex-App.	26	4
Gary Henshaw	(M)	Leeds	5-8	10.10	Grimsby	9+12	1
Stuart Storer	(M)	Harborough	5-9	12.2	Mansfield, Birmingham, Everton	18	3
Tony Philliskirk	(F)	Sunderland	6-1	11.12	Sheffield Utd., Oldham, Preston	25	12
David Reeves	(F)	Birkenhead	6-0	11.7	Heswall, Sheffield Wed., Scunthorpe and Burnley (on loan)	21	8

* 1989-90 League Appearances/Goals up to and including 11th February.

FORM GUIDE: 6th Jan., Tranmere (A) 3-1 (Cowdrill, Darby, Storer), 9th Jan., Lincoln (H) LDC 2-1 (Reeves 2); 13th Jan., Fulham (A) 2-2 (Pike, Storer); 20th Jan., Cardiff (H) 3-1 (Comstive, Philliskirk 2); 28th Jan., Bristol Rovers (A) 1-1 (Philliskirk); 31st Jan., Rotherham (H) LDC 1-0 (Storer); 10th Jan., Rotherham (H) 0-2; 13th Feb., Huddersfield (H). pp.

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PASSING BACK

After Bolton won here in January by a 3-1 margin, we certainly have a score to settle tonight!

History though is not on our side. In our last meeting in this competition, then called the Freight-Rover Trophy, Bolton triumphed at the Quarter Final stage in front of a 3,863 Burnden Park crowd on 12th March, 1986. George Oghani opened the scoring for Bolton, but Mark Hughes netted his first for us with a nweat header – only for Tony Caldwell to put the tie beyond us.

That man Caldwell was at it again the following season, when Bolton knocked us out of the F.A. Cup in the Second Round.

This time there were over 6,000 at Burnden Park and when they'd stopped cheering Frank Worthington's every move, Caldwell gave them something to shout about after just six minutes.

Though Frank's side battled hard (young John Smith was on the bench!), Thompson added a second and that was us out. All in all, a repeat of our fortune when we met in the F.A. Cup three years earlier.

Drawn at home, Nev. Powell and John Aspinall twice hauled us back into the game after Jeff Chandler and Warren Joyce (now Preston) had given the "Trotters" the edge. Again, at Burnden Park, Bolton made no mistake, running out winners 4-1 with Chandler (2), Rudge and Valentine on target.

In fact, our only success over Bolton was in a League match on 15th December 1987, which we won 2-0, with tremendous goals from Jimmy Harvey and Jim Steel. An action-replay of those goals wouldn't go amiss this evening! Incidentally, one notable link is that our Youth Development Officer, Warwick Rimmer, made almost 500 appearances for Bolton.



Frank Worthington playing for Tranmere at Bolton.

ON THIS DAY . . .

1938 In their promotion season, Rovers suffered a rare 2-0 defeat at York, but retained first place at the top of the Third Division (N). A goal in each half was enough to give York the points.

In Germany, Hitler demands self-determination for Germans living in Austria.

1955 The 3,930 hardy spectators who braced the elements to see Rovers beat Hartlepool United 3-1 at Prenton Park were treated to an excellent display by Tranmere on an ice-bound pitch. Hartlepool scored first but Rovers dominated the match and won comfortably through goals from Ray Williams, Bill Lamont (penalty) and an own goal from United fullback Cameron.

1965 A penalty goal from Barry Dyson, just before the interval, was enough to give Rovers victory over promotion rivals Millwall at Prenton Park. The 12,708 crowd was disappointed by a scrappy game with Tranmere showing more ideas, but Stepany in the Millwall goal made several excellent saves.

In the U.S. Stan Laurel is sinking fast, Martin Luther King is jailed for protesting while at home cigarette adverts are banned from television.

1979 Rovers made it four consecutive games without defeat, when they drew 1-1 with Sheffield Wednesday at Prenton Park, in an entertaining match played in thick clinging mud. John Kerr gave Rovers a second minute lead, when he scored his second goal in four days, but Wilde equalised for Wednesday 20 minutes later. *Attendance:* 2,445.

A week after paying £1,000,000 for Trevor Francis, Brian Clough watched his debut in the Youth team!

1983 Barry Wellings, making his debut for Rovers, scored a brilliant winner in the 2-1 home victory over Northampton Town. In a rough first half, in which Town's Buchanan was sent off, Northampton took the lead through Syrett and it was not until the 63rd minute that Owen Brown equalised. Then came Wellings winner in the 76th minute. A mere 1,466 watched the game.

At Anfield, Brighton win an F.A. Cup tie 2-1, inspired by Jimmy Melia and Jimmy Case.

FOR THE RECORD

First Meeting:	24.9.1971 (Div. 3) 0-0	Last Home Win:	2-0, 1987-88
Biggest Home Win:	2-0, 1987-88	Last Home Draw:	2-2, 1983-4 FAC
Biggest Away Win:	Nil	Last Home Defeat:	1-3, 1989-90
Heavies Home Defeat:	1-3, 1989-90	Last Hat-trick	
Heaviest Away Defeat:	1-4, 1983-84 FAC	Marksmen:	None.

LEAGUE ANALYSIS

	P	W	D	L	F	A
Home	4	1	2	1	4	4
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A poor match, played in blustery conditions at Bootle Stadium ended in victory but it was as Warwick Rimmer observed, "the usual, niggly sort of game we have against Marine, littered with free kicks and stoppages due to some over zealous refereeing".

Rovers took the lead on 20 minutes when **Neil Young** pounced on a mix-up between the Marine 'keeper and his full back, intercepting the back pass near the byeline and bringing the ball inside to find the angle for the shot. Fifteen minutes later **Scott Taylor** made it 2-0. He picked up the ball on the left hand side of the box, cut inside and dribbled across the face of the goal before turning to whip a shot across the face of the 'keeper into the far corner.

There were other chances to further ahead in the second half. Jamie Dunn pulled his shot wide when clean through, Neil Young attempted to lob the 'keeper and Chris Hill, cutting in from the left, had a good chance.

Though McGreal and Wilson held firm in defence, the latter was extremely unlucky when the referee adjudged he had handled in the box, to give Marine a glimmer of hope from the resultant penalty — 25 minutes from time.

The remainder of the game was wholly forgettable with only a couple of chances to either side and in the end Rovers were grateful for the final whistle.

Said Warwick, "I wanted to give the two substitutes a run out but with it being so tight towards the end I decided to leave it."

Rovers: Barton, Hughes, James, McGreal, Wilson, Brannon, Dunne, Kelly, Young, Taylor, Hill. Subs: Thompson, Lorraine.

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Birthplace/Date		T.R. Debut				Date/Fee	T.R. Lge c'r	T.R. Cup c'r			
G. BAURESS		6-0	12.0			Apprentice	—	—	—	—	—
Liverpool	19.1.71					07.89					
E. BISHOP		5-11	12.0			Runcorn	—	3	—	—	—
Liverpool	28.11.62	v. Wrexham	2.4.88	03.88	Free	38+21	13	11+7	3	10+11	4 6+4 2
P. COLLINGS		6-2	12.0			Ell. Pt & N'on	—	—	—	—	—
Liverpool	30.9.68	v. S'k'port	25.11.88	05.88	Free	1	—	—	—	—	—
D. FAIRCLOUGH	£U21	6-0	11.1			Beveren	72+50	35	28+24	20	—
Liverpool	5.1.57	v. Preston	29.8.89	06.89	Free	3+5	1	+4	—	3+5	1 +4 —
S. GARNETT		6-2	13.4			Apprentice	—	—	—	—	—
Wallasey	22.11.69	v. Newport	30.4.88	05.88	Free	2+1	—	2	—	2	— 2+1 —
J. HARVEY	N.I.U23	5-9½	11.4			Bristol City	286+3	38	42+1	7	—
Lurgan	2.5.58	v. Rochdale	9.10.87	10.87	£25,000	105	12	27+1	—	29	5 11 —
D. HIGGINS		6-0	11.0			Caernarvon	—	5	—	—	—
Liverpool	19.8.61	v. M'field	17.9.83	06.87	Free	130+3	3	33	—	29	1 12 —
M. HUGHES	W.U21	6-0	13.0			Bristol City	106+2	4	16+1	—	—
Port Talbot	2.2.62	v. Al'shot	21.9.85	12.85	£3,000	153+3	5	30+3	2	29	3 12 —
K. IRONS		5-9	11.0			Y.T.S.	—	—	—	—	—
Liverpool	4.11.70	v. Bury	2.12.89	11.89	+2	—	—	—	+2	—	—
M. McCARRICK		5-8	10.8			Runcorn	64+6	—	15+1	—	—
Liverpool	4.2.62	v. S'thorpe	15.8.87	08.87	Free	109	10	25+1	1	27	2 9 2
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T. THOMAS		5-11	12.5			Y.T.S.	—	—	—	—	—
Liverpool	12.7.71	v. P'boro	4.2.89	02.89	—	33+1	2	8	—	25	— 8 —
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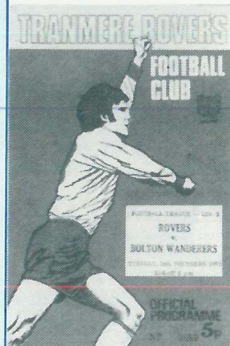
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Programme Parade

by TONY EVANS

Tonight in a special feature, we look back at two significant clashes between Rovers and Bolton.



The first took place on Boxing Day, 1972, with Wanderers leading the Third Division and Ron Yeats' Tranmere just four points behind in the race for promotion.

A tremendous 14,356 crowd packed Prenton Park and witnessed a thrilling encounter in which the popular Eddie Loyden put Rovers ahead after 17 minutes, only to see victory snatched away five minutes from time when Garry Jones hit a fine equaliser.

The home side that day still showed the strong "Liverpool" connection with Tommy Lawrence, Eddie Flood, Kit Fagan, Ron Yeats and Ian St. John all in action. Wearing the number four shirt for Bolton was a certain Warwick Rimmer!

The match programme cost just 5p! It contained 16 pages and no photographs. Prominent adverts were for the Co-op, Hardings' Coaches and, of course, the famous Hyman Jacobs (the Grange Road tailor) who was featured in Rovers' programmes for many years.

In his Manager's column, Ron Yeats praised "The Saint" for his contribution he was making towards the promotion push. Sadly of course, it was to be short-lived, as he fractured his leg in a training accident and Rovers fell away badly during the second half of the season to finish in tenth place, just above Charlton Athletic! Wanderers' fans will need no reminding that they went on to clinch the Championship with Notts County also promoted. Perhaps we can both make it this time round!

Our second programme brings us much more up-to-date and is particularly topical tonight.

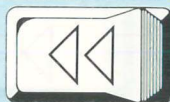
On Tuesday, 11th March 1986, Bolton entertained Rovers in the Northern Quarter Final of what was then known as the Freight Rover Trophy. Frank Worthington, in his first season as Player-Manager, watched from the subs' bench as his team went down by two goals to one, with a certain Mark Hughes on the mark for us. Phil Neal, who was still very much a player in those days, took his Bolton side all the way to Wembley that season, sadly losing 0-3 to Bristol City in the Final. Let's hope tonight's winners have better luck!

The 20-page programme cost 50p., and still outshines many of the Division's programmes four years later! The Rovers' team that night contained only Steve Mungall, Mark Hughes and Ian Muir of the present staff while Asa Hartford wore the number ten shirt for the home side. Canon, the League sponsors at the time, had a full page advert and Lex Mead the local car dealers were offering new Metros at £3,495!

It's interesting to note that the Editor informed us that Rovers had never beaten Wanderers in a competition match, and although we've since broken our duck in the League, I hope the visitors will understand if I hope for us to break our Cup hoodoo against Phil Neal's lads tonight!



Rewind



MATCH DETAILS

TRANMERE ROVERS 5 v. BIRMINGHAM CITY 1
Barclays League Division Three
Friday, 9th February, 1990

Rovers: Nixon, Higgins, McCarrick, McNab, Hughes, Vickers, Morrissey (Malkin 55), Harvey, Steel, Muir, Thomas (3-4-3). Sub: Bishop.

Birmingham: Thomas, Clarkson, Frain, Atkins, Overson, Matthewson, Hopkins, Bailey, Sturridge, Gleg-horn, Madden (5-3-2). Subs: Langley, Yates.

Referee: Joe Worrall (Warrington).

Attendance: 6,033 (All Ticket).

Scorers: McNab (27), Steel (59), Malkin (65), Hughes (72), Bailey (73) (pen.) 4-1, Muir (80) (5-1), Overson 6 (handball).

Corner Count: Tranmere 8, Birmingham 3.

PRESS VIEW:

"Tranmere blasted back onto the promotion scene by thrashing abysmal Birmingham to the delight of a 6,000 crowd." *Daily Post.*

"It was one-way traffic throughout and only some determined goalkeeping by Martin Thomas kept the score down." *Football Echo.*

TRANMERE ROVERS 3 v. READING 1

Barclays League Division Three
Monday, 12th February, 1990

Rovers: Nixon, Higgins, McCarrick, McNab, Hughes, Vickers, Malkin, Harvey, Steel, Muir, Thomas (3-4-3). Subs: Bishop, Mungall.

Reading: Francis, Jones, Richardson, Gooding, Wood, Conroy, Taylor, Tait, Senior, Gilkes, Moran (Leworthy 79) (5-3-2). Sub: Williams.

Referee: Gary Aplin (Kendall).

Attendance: 5,264.

Scorers: Steel (57) 1-0, Moran (58) 1-1, Harvey (69) 2-1, Muir (86) 3-1.

Cautions: Taylor 63 (Reading).

Corner Count: Tranmere 11, Reading 5.

PRESS VIEW:

"A speciality free-kick from Jim Harvey and Ian Muir's typically poached 20th goal of the season shot Tranmere back into the Third Division promotion hunt." *Daily Express.*

"Tranmere laid to rest their fair weather tag, with a gritty victory which puts them back in the promotion pack." *Daily Post.*

"Reading were certainly no pushover, but in the end Tranmere were rewarded for their football skill." *Liverpool Echo.*

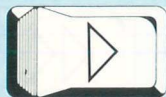
"Tranmere, who earlier in the day announced plans to convert Prenton Park into an all-seater stadium, ploughed through the muddy morass to gain a vital 3-1 success over Reading." *The Times.*

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FRAME

Play



Jim Steel dives full length to meet Ian Muir's cross for a brilliant goal – the second v. Birmingham.

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Number three – a leaping header from substitute Chris Malkin – soars over Thomas and into the net.

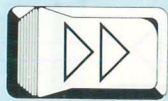
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Fast Forward

BLACKPOOL

Barclays League Division Three

Friday, 23rd February, 1990. Kick-off 7.30 p.m.

There was a League between Rovers and Blackpool the last time the Seasideers came to Prenton Park for a Littlewoods Cup defeat last season. Who knows how far the two clubs could be apart this time next year?

It seems only like yesterday that Eddie Bishop produced the magic moment that left Blackpool fans singing for Sam Ellis' head. It was the same night when Mrs. Vicky Oyston caused a storm after being barred from the Directors' Room. She went on the terraces instead. Perhaps she started the singing.

In any event Ellis has left and Jimmy Mullen now has the task of stopping Blackpool's dive toward relegation. He successfully kept them up last season as caretaker, although they were above the bottom four when he joined. For that feat he was given the job full-time.

Now it is a similar story of discontent and poor results, although the F.A. Cup run has brought some cheer. Home draws against Bolton, Burnley and Torquay United have also played their part on that march on Wembley.

Mullen has been obliged to scour around for suitable faces to add to the nucleus of young talent at the club. Steve Morgan and Alan Wright are two babes who have a definite future. Morgan has turned down Wimbledon recently, so he must have brains.

Keeper Steve McIlhargey was a surprise recruit from Walsall, but has justified his transfer with some fine performances. Wright and Morgan are worthwhile full backs, while veterans Colin Methven and Shaun Elliot act as centre halves in the absence of Gary Briggs, out with a knee ligament injury.

Methven was a stalwart at Wigan during their heyday and still turns in solid performances. Elliot has seen the heights at Sunderland and Norwich, even appearing at Wembley. Now the tasks are more daunting at the wrong end of the Third. Midfield is full of variety. New signing Paul Groves from Leicester could also provide goals. In the meantime Russell Coughlin still runs around like the youngster who played for Carlisle. Gordon Owen is a tricky if unpredictable winger and Ian Gore is a handy home product.

Blackpool's troubles have been up front, which explains the investment in Carl Richards for £25,000 from Peterborough. Andy Garner is popular with the fans and has skills that were often out of tune with the side during Ellis' day. He has good passing ability, surprising for someone so tall.

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Fanfile

Name: Keith Price.

Occupation: Schoolboy.

Lives: Wallasey.

Length of time supporting Tranmere: 5 years.

Favourite Past Player: Dougie Anderson.

Favourite Current Player: John Morrissey.

Best goal seen by a Tranmere player: Jimmy Harvey's free kick against Cardiff City 1989.

Favourite Away Ground: Glandford Park (Scunthorpe).

Best side to visit Prenton Park last season: Doncaster Rovers.

Ground you least enjoy visiting: Wolves (always lose there).

Ambition for Tranmere: To get promotion and to have good Cup runs.

Would you like to see the club's name changed: No way.

Best moment watching Tranmere: Their wins against Newcastle and Wimbledon at Wembley.

Worst moment watching Tranmere: When Muir missed a pen against Notts Forest at Wembley.

Desired improvements at Prenton Park: Seats in the Borough Road and the Kop.

Your 1, 2, 3 tip for promotion 1989-90: Bristol Rovers, Bury, Tranmere.

Funniest incident seen at a football match: Nigel Spackman when his shorts fell down against Everton.

Pick your all-time best Tranmere eleven: E. Nixon, D. Higgins, R. Mathias, E. Bishop, S. Vickers, G. Williams, J. Morrissey, I. Muir, D. Anderson, C. Clarke, S. Coppell. Subs: F. Worthington, R. Moore.

If Manager, which one player would you bring to Prenton Park, given our limited resources: Bobby Williamson (Rotherham). Him, Muir and Morrissey would like to be a top class forward line.

Any additional information about yourself: I like playing football, snooker, darts and golf. My favourite pop groups are INXS and Wet, Wet, Wet.



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by GILBERT UPTON

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Date	Opponents	Comp	V	F-A	Gls.	Date	Opponents	Comp	V	F-A	Gls.
16th Aug.	BLUES v. Reds	PS	H	1-3	1	22nd Nov.	Wrexham	3N	H	2-0	
19th Aug.	REDS v. Blues	PS	H	5-3	3	29th Nov.	Southport	FAC	H	1-1	
23rd Aug.	REDS v. Blues	PS	H	7-5	2	3rd Dec.	Southport	FAC	A	0-1	
30th Aug.	Port Vale	CCL	H	1-2							
3rd Sept.	Nantwich	CCL	A	4-2	4	6th Dec.	Chesterfield	3N	H	5-1	2
11th Sept.	Whitchurch	CCL	H	7-2	5	13th Dec.	Stockport County	CSM	A	0-2	
13th Sept.	Doncaster Rovers	3N	A	0-2		20th Dec.	Halifax Town	3N	A	3-1	2
15th Sept.	Witton Albion	CCL	A	0-2		26th Dec.	New Brighton	3N	A	0-1	
20th Sept.	Southport	3N	H	1-0	1	27th Dec.	Crewe Alexandra	3N	H	2-2	2
	<i>(First Football League goal)</i>					1st Jan.	New Brighton	3N	H	1-3	1
25th Sept.	Crewe Alexandra	CSM	H	4-1	1	3rd Jan.	Durham City	3N	A		
27th Sept.	Ashington	3N	A	0-1							
2nd Oct.	Walsall	3N	H	0-1							
4th Oct.	Nelson	3N	H	2-0	1	10th Jan.	Walsall	3N	A	0-2	
11th Oct.	Barrow	3N	A	1-1	1						
18th Oct.	Lincoln City	3N	A	2-3	2	17th Jan.	Doncaster Rovers	3N	H	1-2	
25th Oct.	Hartlepoons United	3N	H	4-3	3	24th Jan.	Southport	3N	A	0-1	
1st Nov.	Rochdale	3N	A	1-2	1	31st Jan.	Ashington	3N	H	5-4	2
8th Nov.	Darlington	3N	H	0-1		7th Feb.	Nelson	3N	A	1-4	1
15th Nov.	Crewe Alex.	FAC	H	1-1		14th Feb.	Barrow	3N	H	4-1	3
	<i>(Did not play - ankle injury)</i>					21st Feb.	Lincoln City	3N	H	0-0	
19th Nov.	Crewe Alexandra	FAC	A	2-0		28st Feb.	Hartlepoons United	3N	A	1-2	1
	<i>(Replay)</i>					4th March	Bradford P.A.	3N	A	1-5	
						7th March	Rochdale	3N	H	3-1	3
						14th March	Darlington	3N	A	1-2	1
							<i>(Injured - missed last 20 minutes).</i>				

	3N	FAC	CCL	CSM	PS	Total
Appearances	27	3	4	2	3	39
Goals	27	0	9	1	6	43

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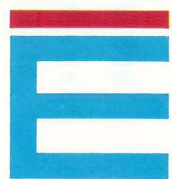
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RONNIE MOORE

Quite aside from your highly successful career in this country Ronnie, you have tasted the delights of "a kick in the grass" – soccer U.S. style. What was it like in the States?

A fantastic experience. Bill Foulkes, who was then Manager of Chicago Sting, was a friend of Johnny King's and he was short of a few players in 1978. We finished the season in May and Bobby Tynan and I went to Chicago for three months loan. It was a really rewarding experience. The standard was very high and soccer had really taken off in a big way then. My first match playing alongside Bobby up front was against New York Cosmos, complete with Pele and Chingalia, at the Soldier Field ground. But although we lost, I got my own back by scoring our winner in a 2-1 return victory against NYC at the Giants Stadium in front of 95,000 fans. They had these huge video screens behind the goals and I remember standing, gaping at the video watching myself score while Cosmos kicked off and play continued around me!

Do you ever regret not being able to carry on the qualified success of your spell as caretaker manager at Rovers on a more permanent basis?

Yes I do. At the time I felt I was just starting to pull the club around. But the Board were only prepared to offer me a twelve month contract and I thought, and still think, it wasn't enough time to clear out some of the players from the Frank Worthington era and bring in new names. If I had been given a two-year contract I would have jumped at the chance but the Board wanted to be more cautious and I suppose I understand how they felt. As it was, I already had the extra year to run as a player and when I took into account the risk and responsibility of being the boss I didn't take up the Board's counter-offer. When Johnny King gave me the chance to be player/coach I jumped at it. My best moment in charge was seeing us win 2-0, down at Torquay, when we really battled for the points. The worst was my first game in charge when our 'keeper, Simon Farnworth, was sent off down at Cambridge and Steve Mungall had to deputise. He made a couple of good saves and we took a point — but it was nerve-wracking.

What would you describe as your greatest ever sporting moments?

Three stick out. The first is winning promotion with Rotherham because I scored 60 goals in three fabulous seasons there and we almost made it to the First Division. The second is winning the Adidas Golden Boot award for the Second Division after notching 24 goals in 1981. Thirdly was playing for Rovers at Wembley in the Mercantile Credit Centenary Competition. I had thought I'd never get the chance to play there, and although people said it was a mickey mouse tournament I disagree. It was a great idea and we nearly pulled off something big.

You've had some great moments at Prenton Park and Millmoor, so where does your heart now lie?

Everything I've done is in the past now, and your heart always lies where you are. My heart is totally with Tranmere Rovers now and I'm looking to the future. When John King asked me to be his player-coach we were bottom of the Fourth and really struggling. Since I've been coaching we've never looked back and I'm just glad to be a part of it all.

You were a superb player at centre half or centre forward. What position did you favour?

Probably playing up front, for the sheer joy of scoring goals — there's no feeling like it in the world. But there's a lot more pressure on strikers. If you're a full back you can scream over to a winger and disposes him before whacking the ball into touch and everyone says "great". If you're a striker you can walk around three players, miss and everyone calls you a donkey! When I played centre-half I was really Ron Yeats' shadow, mopping up on the few occasions he missed something. But I'd have pushed Bunny Bell's record as well if all my time at Tranmere had been spent at striker. Muir was so relieved when he got the record because the pressure on him was affecting his game — and he told me. If there's one criticism of him it's that he doesn't always work hard enough . . . but when he bangs in 25 to 30 goals in a season?

Finally, what are your ambitions for Rovers now?

To carry on my own hard work — when I was a player I was home at 1.30 p.m., now I'm out all night watching games! — and to see Rovers win promotion to the Second Division this season.



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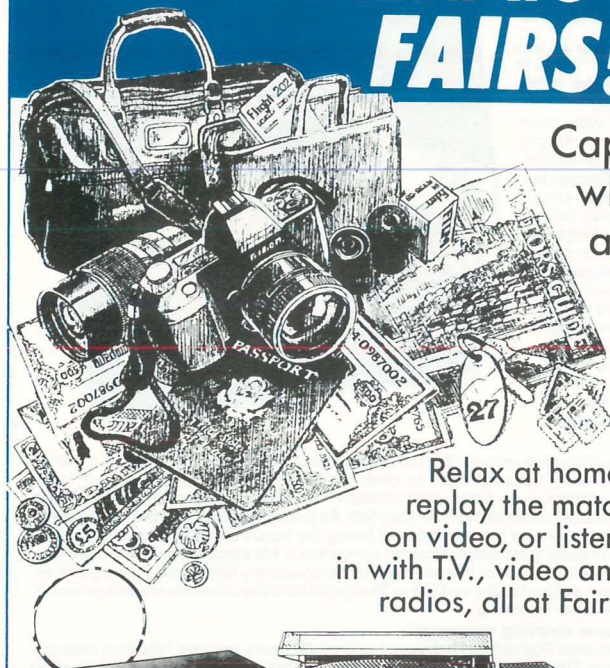
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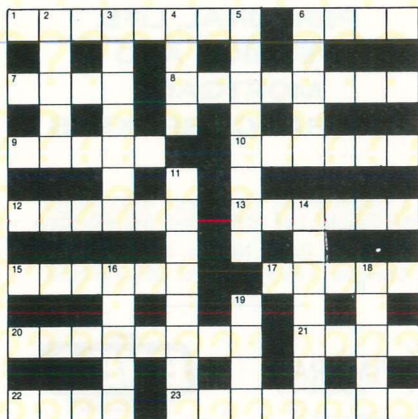
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QUIZ TIME



TRANMERE CROSSWORD

by GEORGE HIGHAM

ACROSS

1. Fourth Division club in fifth round of F.A. Cup (8).
6. Former English international midfielder now at Southampton (4).
7. Top of the pole at football grounds (4).
8. Striker at West Ham. First name, Leroy (8).
9. Defender at Swansea, first name Dudley (5).
10. Benny was a wing half at Charlton and Colchester.
12. Les was inside forward at Huddersfield and Halifax (6).
13. Wayne was a striker at Bolton. Now at Hearts (6).
15. Len was a long serving full back for The Blades (6).
17. Les defended Rovers 1972-83 (5).
20. Nickname of Rovers' opponents in semi-final of Leyland Daf (8).
21. Alan was a wing-half for Norwich and Bournemouth (4).
22. George was a long-serving full back for Preston (4).
23. Steve was goalie for Watford. Now at Grimsby (8).

DOWN

2. First name of Wrexham striker, formerly at Hereford (5).
3. Currently member of Rovers' back four (7).
4. Jock was a long-serving full back at Burnley (4).
5. They play at Bayview Park (4,4).
6. Former sponsors of Football League (5).
11. Nickname of Huddersfield Town (8).
14. Brian was a full back at Palace whilst John was a full back at Exeter (7).
16. Eric won his international caps at Ipswich. Midfielder now at Sunderland (5).
18. Jimmy was No. 1 at Oldham, Southport and Bradford City (5).
19. Arthur was a winner at Wimbledon (4).

SIX TO TACKLE

1. Which five current League Managers possess a European Cup winners' medal?
2. With which team did John Deehan win a League Cup winners' medal in 1977?
3. In 1966, which Belgrade club became the first Eastern block side to reach the European Cup Final?
4. In the 1986 World Cup, two countries lost all three of their matches — name either.
5. Who is the comedian who summed up supporting Birmingham City with the phrase "You lose some, you draw some"?
6. Which company presented the 'Manager of the Month' awards for twenty years between 1969 and 1988?



WHO AM I?

Born in Liverpool I played most of my career with Burnley where I established a reputation for being a bit of a "hard nut". After a spell with Blackpool I came to Tranmere in 1984 to give bite to the midfield, Then on to Runcorn and Colne where I won an F.A. Vase Cup winners' medal. Who am I?

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TREVOR SIMPSON is from
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A Building Society Agent,
Trevor took up the whistle in
1966, officiating in his local
Halifax and District League,
where he once played before
having a spell as goalkeeper to
Halifax Town. Trevor has
already been to Prenton Park
once this season and was in
charge of our first match with
Cardiff City.

By a strange quirk of fate he was also in charge the last time
we met Bolton in the Freight Rovers competition back in
March 1986 — a match we lost 2-1.
His biggest games to date have been an F.A. Cup Semi in
1985 and the 1984 F.A. Vase Final.
We welcome him, and his linesmen, to Prenton Park.

ANSWERS TO "BRAIN TEASER" IN OUR LAST PROGRAMME

1. Sunken ship's pork — Wrexham.
2. Pensioners live here — Chelsea.
3. Steel town weekday — Sheffield Wednesday.
4. A fishy place to live — Grimsby.
5. A ship's complement — Crews.
6. They run in packs — Wolves.
7. Rebuilt Fortress — Newcastle.
8. There is a Queen of these — Hearts.
9. Munitions Store — Aldershot.
10. Ancient Park — Arsenal.
11. A "famous" Airport — Oldham.
12. A famous horserace — Luton.
13. We need this to live — Derby.
14. City of Blues and learning — Hull.
15. Big Cyril lives here — Rochdale.
16. Detectives need these — Oxford.
17. Stuffed Pork — Fulham, Leeds.
18. Drake's place — Plymouth.

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	THIRD DIVISION										DIVISION THREE STATISTICS 1989/90				
	HOME					AWAY									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	Top Scorer	Av. Att	Top Attendance					
Bristol C.	26	10	3	1	19	7	6	2	4	16	13	53	Taylor 12	9,836	17,432 v. Bristol R.
Notts C.	27	9	3	2	21	11	5	5	3	18	15	50	Johnson 9	5,692	7,819 v. Shrewsbury
Bristol R.	26	7	6	0	22	9	5	4	4	12	11	46	Mehew 10	5,839	7,722 v. Bolton
Tranmere	28	9	3	2	35	14	4	3	7	16	17	45	Muir 13	6,751	9,060 v. Crewe
Huddersfield	26	8	3	2	19	11	4	6	3	18	19	45	Smith 7	6,219	8,483 v. Bury
Rotherham	28	8	4	2	23	15	4	4	6	16	18	44	Williamson 16	5,963	7,750 v. Bristol R.
Bolton W.	26	7	4	2	17	12	4	6	3	22	17	43	Phillis Kirk 11	7,029	10,628 v. Bury
Bury	28	4	6	4	17	15	7	1	6	24	20	40	Robinson 12	3,276	4,715 v. Preston N.E.
Brentford	27	8	1	5	27	20	3	2	8	14	22	36	Holdsworth 14	5,822	7,962 v. Fulham
Shrewsbury	26	6	4	2	22	13	3	4	7	14	21	35	McGinlay 13	3,757	5,118 v. Crewe
Birmingham	26	7	3	3	19	10	2	3	8	11	24	35	Bailey 11	8,598	11,277 v. Bristol C.
Chester	29	7	5	3	21	16	1	5	8	7	21	34	Newhouse, Abel, Painter 4	2,338	3,156 v. Wigan
Swansea	26	7	3	3	18	18	2	3	8	8	20	33	Melville 5	4,366	12,000 v. Cardiff
L. Orient	27	7	3	3	19	12	2	2	10	15	28	32	Cooper 9	4,350	5,817 v. Fulham
Crewe	26	5	4	4	16	15	2	6	5	14	16	31	Fishenden 6	3,722	4,786 v. Notts C.
N'ampton	23	5	2	4	14	12	3	5	4	16	19	31	Barnes 10	3,584	5,020 v. Walsall
Fulham	27	4	6	3	19	16	3	4	7	13	20	31	Walker 9	4,236	6,089 v. Bristol C.
Wigan	26	6	4	3	17	11	1	6	6	10	22	31	Hilditch 7	2,487	3,179 v. Blackpool
Reading	24	5	5	2	15	13	1	6	5	12	18	29	Senior 9	4,295	5,586 v. Brentford
Preston	27	6	4	4	24	19	2	1	10	13	29	29	Mooney 7	6,524	9,135 v. Bolton
Mansfield	26	6	1	6	16	16	2	3	8	10	22	28	Wilkinson 8	3,373	6,384 v. Rotherham
Cardiff	25	2	6	4	15	18	4	3	6	15	20	27	Pike 10	3,674	5,970 v. Bristol City
Blackpool	26	4	4	5	14	14	2	4	7	10	19	26	Garner 6	3,984	5,737 v. Birmingham
Walsall	25	2	4	7	10	19	3	4	5	11	17	23	Rimmer 7	4,115	5,286 v. Bristol C.



Harvey	Steel*	Muir	Thomas	Malkin 1*	Smith	Referee
Harvey	Malkin 2	Muir 1	Thomas	Fairclough	Martindale	M. G. Bailey
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Harvey	Malkin 1	Muir	Thomas	Bishop°	Steel*	P. Danson
Harvey	Malkin 1	Muir 2	Thomas	Bishop°	Steel	J. A. Kirby
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Harvey	Steel	Muir 1	Thomas	Bishop	Mungall	G. Aplin
				Bishop*	Irons	D. Hutchinson

ANSWERS TO SIX TO TACKLE: 1. Phil Neal, Kenny Dalglish, Mark Lawrenson, Ian Bowyer, Frank Clark. 2. Aston Villa. 3. Partizan Belgrade. 4. Canada and Iraq. 5. Jasper Carrott. 6. Bell's Whisky.

WHO AM I? Billy Rodaway.

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE - STATISTICS to Feb 6th

	Cup App.	Goals	Lge App.	Goals
Baureass	2	—	16	1
Bell	*	*	+1	—
Bishop	2	1	8	—
Brannon	3	1	14+1	—
Collings	3	—	16	—
Fairclough	1	1	12	8
Garnett	3	—	13	—
Irons	3	2	12+1	6
Kelly	—	—	1	—
Litherland	—	—	2	—
McCarrick	—	—	2	—
McGreal	3	—	13	—
Malkin	1	2	3	5
Martindale	2	1	8	2
Moore	—	—	1	—
Morrissey	—	—	2	1
Muir	1	1	2	2
Mungall	1	—	8	1
Norman	2	1	8+2	—
Pike	—	—	1	—
Smith	2	1	14	1
Steel	1	—	7	4
Taylor	1	1	4+1	—
Thomas	1	—	3	—
Young	1	—	3+4	—

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE Result

22 Aug 89	Halifax	1-0
30 Aug 89	Bury	2-0
6 Sept. 89	Hartlepool (Mid. Lge. Cup Final)	7-0
12 Sept. 89	Northampton	3-0
20 Sept. 89	Stockport C.	0-1
27 Sept. 89	Hartlepool	2-0
10 Oct. 89	Scarborough	3-2
18 Oct. 89	Shrewsbury	3-1
25 Oct. 89	Birmingham C.	1-1
31 Oct. 89	Hartlepool	4-2
15 Nov. 89	Bury	6-3
27 Nov. 89	Chesterfield	1-1
5 Dec. 89	Hartlepool Lge Cup R.1.	3-2
18 Dec. 89	Wrexham	3-0
2 Jan. 90	Walsall	1-2
10 Jan. 90	Scarborough (L.C.S.F.)	1-5
15 Jan. 90	Halifax	1-2
23 Jan. 90	Peterboro'	1-1
31 Jan. 90	Wrexham	0-1
19 Feb. 90	Northampton	—
21 Feb. 90	Northampton	—
27 Feb. 90	Stockport C.	—
6 Mar. 90	Lincoln City	—
13 Mar. 90	Chester City	—
19 Mar. 90	Lincoln C.	—
27 Mar. 90	Scarborough U.	—
3 Apr. 90	Shrewsbury T.	—
24 Apr. 90	Birmingham C.	—
1 May. 90	Walsall	—
12 May. 90	Chesterfield	—
T.B.A.	Notts F.	—
T.B.A.	Hartlepool	—
T.B.A.	Wrexham	—
T.B.A.	Notts F.	—
T.B.A.	Peterborough	—
T.B.A.	Chester City	—

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE DIVISION TWO Result

19 Aug 89	Carlisle Utd.	6-1
26 Aug. 89	Manchester Utd	0-1
2 Sept. 89	Everton	2-1
9 Sept. 89	Preston	3-2
16 Sept. 89	Blackburn R.	1-1
23 Sept. 89	Crewe	0-1
30 Sept. 89	Marine Youth	7-0
7 Oct. 89	Oldham "B"	5-1
14 Oct. 89	Wigan Ath.	4-1
21 Oct. 89	Blackpool	0-2
1 Nov. 89	Halifax FAYC	1-0
4 Nov. 89	Stockport	0-0
11 Nov. 89	Chester City	2-1
18 Nov. 89	Stockport	6-1
25 Nov. 89	Liverpool	1-2
2 Dec. 89	Liverpool	3-0
9 Dec. 89	Carlisle U.	p.p.
11 Dec. 89	Newcastle FAYC	1-1
21 Dec. 89	Newcastle FAYC	1-3
30 Dec. 89	Everton	1-1
6 Jan. 90	Preston N.E.	1-0
13 Jan. 90	Blackburn R.	4-1
20 Jan. 90	Crewe Alex.	2-0
27 Jan. 90	Man. City (L.L. Cup)	1-2
3 Feb. 90	Oldham Ath.	1-2
10 Feb. 90	Marine Youth	2-1
17 Feb. 90	Blackpool	2-5
24 Feb. 90	Chester City	—
3 Mar. 90	Bury	—
10 Mar. 90	Bury	—
17 Mar. 90	Wigan Ath.	—
24 Mar. 90	Manchester United	—

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KEY TO STATISTICS

* First Sub ° Second Sub + Own Goal S.O. Sent Off Goalscorers in Bold Type, Saturday Home Games 3pm KO Evening Kick-off 7.30pm Home Games in Bold Type † Littlewoods Cup ‡ F.A. Cup L.D. Leyland Daf Cup

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MARK McCARRICK	3	BARRY COWDRILL
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